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ALTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Telephone Number:-
ALTON 82263

Barton End,
Lenten Street,
Alton, Hants.

To:- The Chairman and Members of the Alton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1971, prepared as directed by the Department of Health and Social Security.

There was little serious illness in the District. Infectious diseases caused no problems. Sexually transmitted disease was reported less frequently than last year but remains ever present. Two of the patients were under 16.

The estimated population was 28,420. This, of course, is linked to the 1971 Census figure of 29,027, whereas last year's estimate of 29,040 was derived ultimately from the 1961 Census and so is not comparable. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was 232.

Legislation included the Order activating Section 45 of the Public Health Act, 1968, which gives extensive powers to County Councils in connection with Old People's Welfare.

Vaccination against smallpox has been dropped from the routine immunisation of infants. Eradication measures by the World Health Organisation plus our own control on importation into Britain have produced the situation in which the chance of an infant catching smallpox is less than the chance of a severe reaction to vaccination.

The Family Planning clinic has introduced a domiciliary service in the Bordon area where there were transport and other difficulties in the way of attendance at the clinic but considerable need for the service.

Two of the Bordon caravan sites reached the end of their Planning approval life and have had short term extensions with the condition that they must be run down. They are both in the area designated for the new Bordon Village and will have some value as building land.

The sewerage scheme for Bentley, Binsted and Froyle was completed and commissioned and the Old People's bungalows in Alton town were built and occupied. Development started on the new Bordon Village and the Erie Estate site, now re-named Heatherlands.

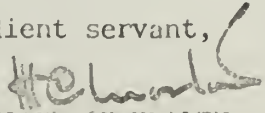
Reorganisation, both of Local Government and of the Health Service, is in the air. So far as Local Government goes, it is accepted that the Alton Urban and Rural, and Petersfield Urban and Rural Districts will combine and preliminary moves to this end have been made.

The Health Service structure is not yet clear. It seems certain that there will be an Area Health Authority corresponding to the new County of Hampshire, and it is Health Service policy that its boundaries should, wherever possible, be the same as Local Government boundaries. Beyond that, it is not possible to predict the arrangement for the new Alton-Petersfield District.

In conclusion, I must sincerely thank Lt.Cdr. Saban and the Members of the Public Health and General Purposes Committee for their interest and support in my work, and Mr. Johnson and my staff of the Public Health Department for their willingness and loyalty at all times.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,


MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

PART I

GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

GENERAL

Area in acres	...	65,526
Rateable Value as at 31.12.71	...	£1,049,537
Product of the penny rate 1970-71	...	£4,037
Product of the penny rate 1971-72	...	£10,259
Population estimated at mid-1971	...	28,420
Number of habitable houses	...	9,655

MEDICAL

Live Births

Rate for
England & Wales

Total number	509	
Rate per 1,000 population	17.9	
Rate per 1,000 adjusted by Comparability Factor (1.08)	19.3	16.00
Illegitimate included in total	40 (8%)	8%

Still Births

Total (2 illegitimate)	7
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<u>Total All Births</u>	516
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Deaths

Total number	277	
Rate per 1,000 population	9.7	
Rate per 1,000 adjusted by Comparability Factor (0.92)	8.9	11.6
Infants (all legitimate)	4	
- Under 1 week	- 2)	
1-4 weeks	- 1)	
4 weeks-1 yr.	- 1)	

Infant Mortality Rates

Total (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births)	- 8	18
Neo-natal (under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	- 6	12
Early neo-natal (under 1 week per 1,000 live births)	- 4	10
Perinatal (still births and under 1 week per 1,000 all births)	- 17	22

<u>Maternal Deaths</u>	- NIL
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(TABLE 1)

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

Disease	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis - Non-pulmonary	1	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	7	2	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	4	3	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	14	2	16
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	1	9	10
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	5	---	5
Leukaemia	1	1	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	6	10	16
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	1
Anaemias	-	1	1
Meningitis	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	3	3	6
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	3	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	42	34	76
Other Forms of Heart Disease	5	5	10
Cerebrovascular Disease	18	17	35
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	5	11
Pneumonia	4	6	10
Bronchitis and Emphysema	13	3	16
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2	3
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	1	3
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	3	3	6
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	-	4	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	1	8
All Other Accidents	1	2	3
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	-	1
All Other External Causes	-	1	1
TOTALS:-	153	124	277

(TABLE 2)

AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

Age Group	Under 1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	75-85	85-95	Total	
Male	2	2	1	1	-	6	6	31	40	46	18	-	153
Female	2	1	-	-	-	4	9	11	25	44	27	1	124

Total number of Deaths - Male 153
 Female 124

277

Lung cancer has become prominent again with 14 male and 2 female deaths. It is the third commonest cause in men, preceded by Ischaemic Heart Disease (42) and Cerebrovascular Disease (18) and closely followed by Bronchitis (13).

Smoking is a factor in at least three of these conditions.

The four infant deaths were all due to some abnormal condition and not to mishaps of pregnancy - a tribute to the ante-natal care. Of the seven still births, only two had no obvious cause.

(TABLE 3)

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases were notified during the year, with the previous five years for comparison:-

Disease	Totals for the years					
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Scarlet Fever	4	21	5	10	7	3
Whooping Cough	-	45	-	-	-	2
Measles	49	423	47	68	123	69
Dysentery	10	41	-	2	3	1
Infective Hepatitis	(NN)	(NN)	21	94	7	2
Food Poisoning	3	-	2	10	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	2	-

NOTE:- (NN) indicates that Infective Hepatitis had not been made notifiable in these years.

COMMENTS ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES

MEASLES

It is difficult to comment on the figures as the pattern was upset by the summer outbreak in 1970.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were two new cases, both pulmonary. One was probably contracted overseas.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

No case of syphilis was reported.

There were three cases of gonorrhoea, one being a girl of 16 and six cases of non-gonococcal infections, one a boy of 16.

There were no cases of Food Poisoning and only one of Dysentery.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION STATISTICS

The following table shows the numbers of children reported as immunised during the year:-

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B.C.G.	- Number of children	- Heaf tested	- 176
		Positive	- 15
		Vaccinated	- 156

Special School Leavers' Clinics (for children of 16 and over)

Tetanus immunisations	-	112
Poliomyelitis "	-	116

MEALS ON WHEELS

6,284 meals were served.

The cost to the recipient has had to rise to 10p (Cost of production and delivery is 17p)

There are four deliveries each week in Four Marks, Medstead, Ropley and Farrington and two weekly in Bentley, Bordon and Grayshott.

Once more sincerest thanks are due to our District Organiser, Mrs. J. M. Keane and the staff of helpers.

FAMILY PLANNING

I am indebted to Dr. Margaret Lloyd of the Alton Family Planning Association for the following notes:-

The Clinic has grown steadily and now has two sessions per week, on Thursday and Friday mornings.

The pill is still the most popular method but women who have taken it for many years are being advised to rest from it and use some other method for a time.

As well as planning families, the clinic advises on marital difficulties and husbands are welcomed; engaged couples and single girls are also seen.

A domiciliary service was started in Bordon in February to reach patients who required help but did not attend clinics. It was originally done on recommendation by some medical source but has been so much appreciated that requests are being made direct.

Requests are also being received for vasectomies and the service is urgently needed but it has not been possible so far to obtain suitable premises.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Anti-smoking propaganda was continued with posters produced by the Health Education Council. The Health Education Council's posters on Venereal Disease, first produced two years ago, were again circulated.

Talks on drug-taking were arranged, aimed particularly at parents' associations in junior schools.

ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME

I am indebted to the Secretary, Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton, for the following figures of home accidents sent to hospital.

The total was 75 - 57 down on last year.

Falls accounted for most - a total of 36, of which 17 were over 60 years old. There was the usual list of things swallowed, mostly medicines which should have been locked up and a number of dog bites.

HOME HELP SERVICE

Alton Urban and Rural Districts

The staff averaged 23 Home Helps and 22 Good Neighbours.

159 cases received help, consisting of:-

- 148 chronic sick or aged,
- 5 emergency sickness,
- 4 post hospital,
- 1 maternity,
- 1 child care.

CARAVAN SITES

The Pine Tree site, which has been a source of endless concern to the Health and Social Services of the District and of Hampshire, reached the end of its Planning approval life on the 31st December. Planning approval was extended for six months with the condition that the site must be run down as caravans became empty. At the same time, owing to emergencies over the Christmas period, a warning was given that licence conditions, particularly with regard to hygiene, would be strictly enforced during the run-down period.

Another small site, known as Lee's, also reached the end of its Planning life and was extended on a run-down condition. The owner, however, appealed against the condition and the appeal had not been determined at the end of the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Amendment) ACT, 1951

During the year it was necessary to apply to the local Magistrates' Court for an order to enforce the compulsory removal to a County Council home of an aged couple living in unsatisfactory and insanitary conditions. The couple did not object to their removal when the time came and have settled in at Marlfield quite satisfactorily.

PROVISION OF GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

AMBULANCE SERVICES

The Ambulance Service is conducted by Hampshire County Council who supply details of journeys to the Public Health and General Purposes Committee every half year.

Application for the use of ambulances should be made to the Central Ambulance Control at Winchester (Telephone Number is Winchester 61644 - 6 lines).

HOSPITALS

Basingstoke and District General Hospital, Basingstoke.

Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton.

Alton General Hospital (Maternity), Alton.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Child Health Clinics for children under the age of five years are available throughout the District as follows:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Day of clinic per month</u>
		(At 2.0 p.m. unless otherwise stated)
Alton	Inwood Health Clinic	(Every Tuesday (2nd & 3rd Thursdays (2nd & 4th Fridays
Bentley	Memorial Hall	3rd Wednesday
Bordon	Opposite Army Medical Centre, Bordon Camp.	(Every Monday & Thursday (
Four Marks	Village Hall, Lyminster Bottom.	(2nd & 4th Tuesdays (
Froyle	Methodist Church School	(2nd Friday -11.0 a.m. (to 12 noon)

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS
(Continued)

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Day of clinic per month</u> (At 2.0 p.m. unless otherwise stated)
Headley (Bordon)	Church Centre	2nd Friday
Lindford	Lindford & District Working Men's Club, Lipnook Road.	((1st & 3rd Tuesdays (
Longmoor	Families' Clinic, Roberts Road.	(2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Medstead	Church Room	1st & 3rd Thursdays
Oakhanger	Village Hall	(3rd Friday (- 2.0 to 2.45 p.m. only.
Ropley	Coffee Room	2nd Monday
Whitchill	Congregational Church Hall, Lipnook Road.	(1st & 3rd Mondays

ANTE-NATAL RELAXATION CLASSES

Ante-natal relaxation classes are held at the Inwood Health Clinic, Alton, on Wednesday afternoons.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Clinics are held as follows:-

<u>Dental</u>	- At schools
<u>Ophthalmic</u>	- Inwood Health Clinic, Alton. (4th Monday - morning and afternoon)*
<u>Speech Therapy</u>	- Inwood Health Clinic, Alton. (Every Thursday morning)*

*By appointment through the County Medical Officer, Winchester.

TUBERCULOSIS SERVICES

Chest Clinics

Chest Clinics which serve this District are as under:-

<u>ALDERSHOT</u>	- Northfield Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot. (Telephone:- Aldershot 21365)
<u>BASINGSTOKE</u>	- Basingstoke General Hospital, Hackwood Road, Basingstoke. (Telephone:- Basingstoke 65001)

VENEREAL DISEASES

Special clinics for the treatment of venereal diseases are available as follows:-

ALDERSHOT

- Aldershot General Hospital,
St. George's Road,
Aldershot.
(Telephone:- Aldershot 23201)

<u>Women</u>	- Mondays	- 11.0 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
	Wednesdays	2.0 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
<u>Men</u>	- Mondays	- 11.0 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
	Wednesdays	4.0 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

WINCHESTER

- Royal Hampshire County Hospital,
(Out-patients' Annexe),
Romsey Road,
Winchester.
(Telephone:- Winchester 63535)

<u>Women</u>	- Mondays	- 2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.
	Thursdays	3.0 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
<u>Men</u>	- Mondays	- 2.30 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.
		3.0 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Chemical analyses are carried out by arrangement with the Public Analyst, Trafalgar Place, Clive Road, Portsmouth.

Once again I express my thanks to the Directors of the two laboratories for their continued co-operation and helpful assistance.

CHEST RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE, SOUTHAMPTON AREA

Southampton Area - 7 Archers Road, Southampton.

Sessions for General Practitioner referrals and the general public will continue for the next few years. The revised and extra sessions are as shown.

All visits to towns and villages for general public surveys have now ceased.

All visits to factories for industrial surveys have now ceased.

CHEST X-RAY SERVICE, SOUTHAMPTON

7 Archers Road, Southampton.

<u>MONDAY</u>	9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. 5.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.
<u>TUESDAY</u>	9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
<u>THURSDAY</u>	9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

NOTES:-

1. Children under 10 years of age cannot be X-rayed. Those aged 10-14 years, only at written request of their General Practitioner.
2. No sessions are held on Public Holidays, or on the evening of Christmas Eve.

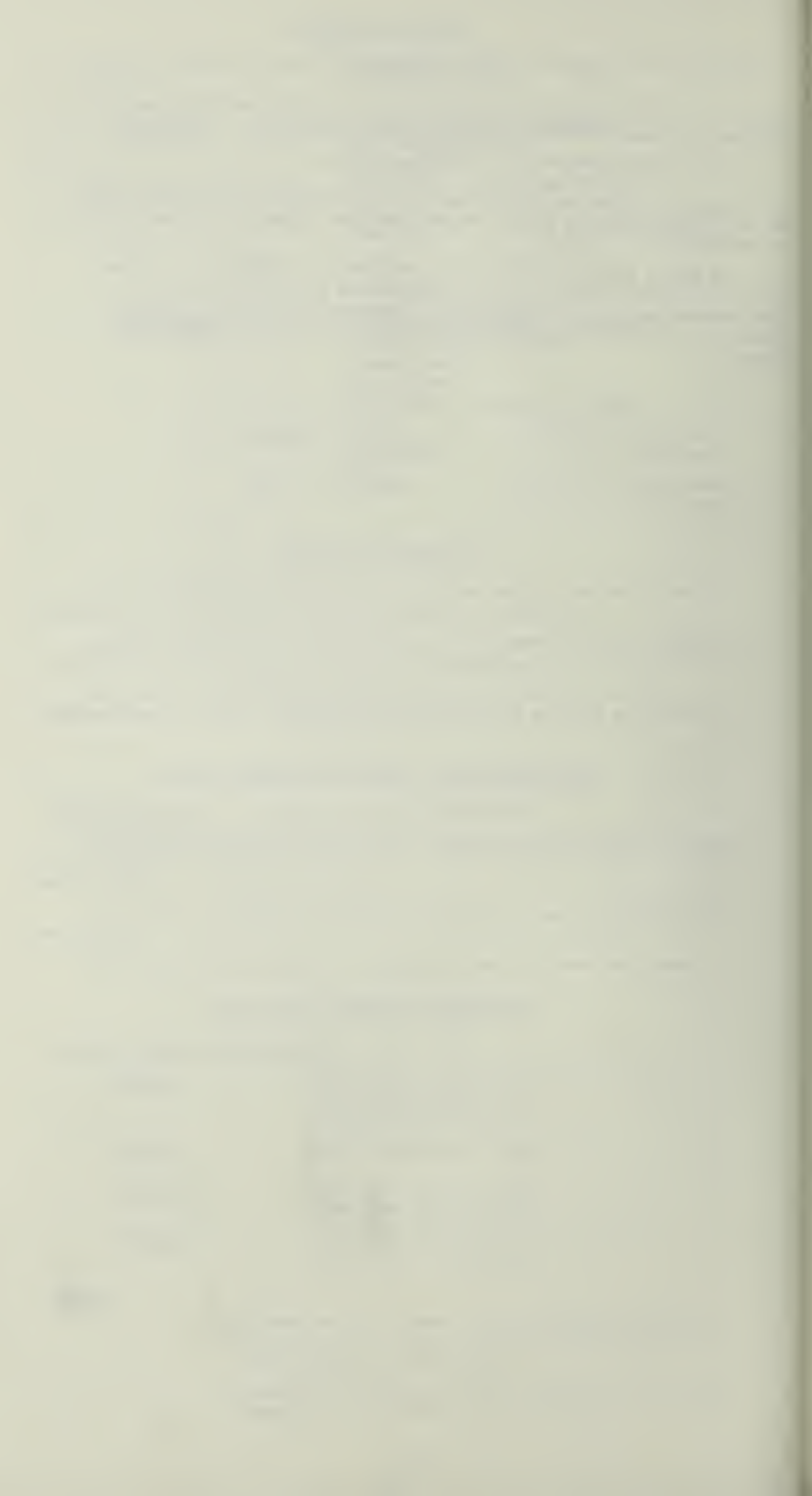
SOCIAL SERVICES

The Area Director of Social Services for North-East Hampshire is located at Hippodrome House, Birchett Road, Alton.

His telephone number is:- Alton 28312.

The Alton Urban and Rural Districts are covered by Group 6A, based on the Social services Office, Paper mill Lane, Alton (Telephone Number:- Alton 83966).

The Group Social Services Officer is Mr. R. C. Spencer. Office hours are from 9.0 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays (daily). For emergencies outside these hours, telephone the Ambulance Control (Winchester 61644) for the name and number of the Social Worker on duty.



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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE AREA

ALTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Telephone Number:-
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Barton End,
Lenten Street,
Alton, Hants.

To:- The Chairman and Members of the Alton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report on the Sanitary Circumstances of the Rural District of Alton for the year 1971.

As usual, the end of the report contains the statistics, whilst the front deals in detail with the statutory duties of the Department.

At the end of the year the proposals to sewer Four Marks, Medstead and Kopley had not, as had been hoped, been finalised, and it would appear that work will not be commenced for some time to come. However, the Bentley, Binsted and Froyle sewerage scheme was completed and connections are being made with some rapidity.

The number of caravans in the District remains fairly constant and, whilst the future Council building programme may accommodate some of the occupants, there will, I fear, remain a demand for this type of accommodation due to a lack of houses available for rent within the District.

On Page 17 it is stated that the number of properties improved with the aid of a grant is 10% of the current total housing stock; omitting the post-1961 houses which were not eligible for grant, the actual percentage is 14.

I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and General Purposes Committee for their continuing support and once again thank the officers of other departments for their help and co-operation during the past year.

Particularly I wish to acknowledge the customary loyal and efficient work of the Staff of the Public Health Department and to thank them most sincerely for all their assistance throughout 1971.

Yours obediently,


CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

PART II
REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLIES

All properties connected to mains water are supplied by the Mid-Southern Water Company.

Throughout the District there are, however, a number of properties not connected. The reason for this is purely economic coupled, in a number of cases, with a preference for the existing supply, be it a well, spring, estate supply or, as in the case of those properties in Four Marks and Medstead, an underground rainwater storage tank.

Copies of the analysts' reports on the samples of mains water taken by the company are submitted to the Council and have indicated that the supply is satisfactory. The fluoride content remains the same at 0.1 parts per million.

No complaints were received regarding the quantity of supply, but four were received relating to the quality, these being passed direct to the company.

As in 1970, no notifications of water disconnections were received.

Table 1 in the Statistical Section of this report indicates the number of properties and approximate population served by main water.

SEWERAGE

The end of the year saw the completion of the new sewerage works at Bentley, which serves the parishes of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle.

The proposed provision of a treatment works to serve Four Marks, Medstead and Ropley, was abandoned during the year and consultations were commenced with the neighbouring authority as to the feasibility of discharging the drainage from the aforementioned parishes with the possible inclusion of Farringdon and Ropley into their works.

In addition to these areas which urgently require sewerage, the district of Sandford should also be considered in any future programme.

Areas of the District now sewered are as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Area and Treatment</u>
Bentley) Binsted) Froyle)	- Main built-up areas with works at Bentley.
Grayshott	- The whole built-up area, with discharge into the Council's own treatment works at Lindford.
Headley	- Headley Down and Arford areas, with discharge into the Lindford treatment works.
Whitehill	- Lindford, Bordon and Whitehill areas, with discharge into the Lindford treatment works. - Greatham area, with discharge into the sewers of the Petersfield Rural District Council.
Selborne	- Main village area, with works at Selborne.

In addition to the list of sewered areas, the Military Camp area of Bordon, including quarters, is sewered and discharges into the Council's treatment works at Lindford. This works also receives sewage from the adjacent areas of Haslemere Urban District Council and Hambledon Rural District Council.

The War Department operate their own works for the treatment of sewage from Longmoor Camp area.

Where sewers are not available, the larger Council estates are provided with their own treatment plants.

DOMESTIC DRAINAGE

As can be seen from Table 2 in the Statistical Section of this report, connections to the Council's sewers continue steadily.

Where the sewer is not available new drainage is of the septic tank system.

FOOD

The Council is not a "Food and Drugs Authority", this duty being undertaken by the Hampshire County Council whose report appears later in this Section.

Table 3 in the Statistical Section of this report shows the food-stuffs surrendered and condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1970.

These Regulations govern food handlers and premises in so far as hygiene is concerned.

The number of food premises subject to these Regulations, grouped in categories of trade carried on in them, are as follows:-

Butchers	- 13	Greengrocers	- 6
Fishmongers	- 2	Warehouses	- 1
Dairies	- 1	Bakehouses	- 1
Off-licences	- 4	Cafes & Restaurants	- 15
General stores	- 37	Fried Fish Shops	- 2
Grocers	- 14	Public Houses	- 41
		Agricultural) - 11
		Activities)

FOOD HYGIENE (Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) REGULATIONS, 1966.

In only one case was informal action necessary under these Regulations.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are three such premises registered under the Slaughter of Poultry Act, 1967.

Two of these undertake the seasonal (Christmas and Easter) slaughter of turkeys; the other slaughtering capons.

MILK SUPPLIES

There are thirteen premises licensed to retail milk in the District. No milk sampling was carried out by this authority during 1971.

ICE CREAM

Two premises are registered for the manufacture of soft ice cream and 82 for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream.

FOOD SAMPLING

I am indebted to Mr. J. S. Preston, I.I.P.M.A., Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, Hampshire County Council, for the following information which he has kindly supplied:-

During the year ended the 31st December, 1971, 155 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of the Alton Rural District Council.

Milk Samples

29 samples of milk, including 5 of "Channel Islands" were obtained, one sample of milk was found to be unsatisfactory. This sample was from a farm bulk tank containing approximately 364 gallons and was satisfactory as regards milk solids but showed an excess contamination with antibiotics to the extent of 0.15 international units per millilitre. When the result was known, follow-up samples were taken on two occasions, both proving to be satisfactory. The matter was drawn to the attention of the producer.

Miscellaneous Samples

126 samples of articles other than milk were taken, 5 of these being the subject of adverse reports. There were:-

1. Seville Marmalade - deficient of soluble solids

The sample was subject to the minimum standard for soluble solids of 68.5% but contained only 63.5%. The matter was taken up with the vendors.

2. Bread - contaminated with mould

The loaf was submitted following a consumer complaint, the bread being heavily contaminated with mould growth. Legal proceedings have been instituted.

3. Bread - contained foreign matter (string)

This sample was submitted following a consumer complaint that there was a mass of short lengths of coarse string gummy on the top of the sliced loaf. There were also short lengths of similar material adhering to the inside of the wrapper. After consideration a warning was given to the bakery.

4. Rum and Butter Toffees - deficient of fat

The sample consisted of assorted toffees including a proportion labelled as "rum and butter". These were found to contain only 0.7% butter fat instead of the minimum 4% required. The matter was referred to the manufacturers, who attributed it to the mislabelling of the wrappers, which should have been marked "rum and butter flavour". Legal proceedings have been instituted.

5. Wheaten Biscuits - misdescribed

The outer wrapper of this product showed a correct description but the biscuits themselves were embossed with the word "wheatmeal". Analysis showed that they had not been produced entirely from wholemeal flour. The distinction between wheatmeal and wholemeal in relation to flour and biscuits is being taken up with the bakers responsible for producing the biscuits.

General

In addition to samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. No matters of consequence occurred.

RODENT CONTROL

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Work undertaken to control rats and mice is detailed in Table 4 in the Statistical Section of this report.

No charge is made for the treatment carried out at private houses but a charge is made, on an ad hoc basis, to other properties, and for the treatment of other pests at all properties.

Advice only is given for the treatment of moles and squirrels, this service being carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture. It is likely, however, that the Ministry will soon cease to assist private individuals with these pests and the work will be passed to local authorities.

In addition to the service of rodent control the following insect pests were treated:-

Wasps' nests destroyed	- 255
Swarms of bees destroyed	- 5
Flies	- 8
Fleas	- 9
Fumigations	- 4

SWIMMING POOLS

There are no public swimming pools in the District, but there are six restricted pools, all of which are under the supervision of a responsible authority.

In addition to the above pools, there are many private pools in the District and one can only hope that the owners are aware of the proper methods of control of purity of the water.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Three premises are licensed under this Act. In all cases the licence conditions were found to be adhered to when inspections were carried out.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISSEMENTS ACT, 1963.

Thirteen premises are licensed to board either cats or dogs, or both. No contraventions of the licence conditions were noted during the year under review.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960.

All complaints made under the provisions of this Act were dealt with informally.

PETROLEUM ACTS

Eighty-four premises are licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit and thirteen for the storage of petroleum mixtures.

Five premises did not renew their licences, the tanks either being removed, filled with concrete or converted to the storage of diesel fuel. Forty tanks were subjected to an ullage test and all were found to be satisfactory.

ACCOMMODATION FOR HOP-PICKERS

There is now only one hut used for the accommodation of hop-pickers. Its condition was found to be satisfactory during the time of use.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no such premises in the District.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

There are no non-power factories in the District. The only provisions of the above Act administered by the Council, therefore, are those relating to sanitary accommodation.

The required particulars are shown in Table 5 in the Statistical Section of this report.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The statistical report required by the Department of the Environment is reproduced in Table 6 in the Statistical Section of this report.

No difficulties were experienced with the enforcement of the provisions of this Act, and the only contraventions noted were of a minor nature. No accidents were reported during the year.

The problem most commonly encountered is one of registration. Many new employers or, for that matter, employers changing premises or acquiring new premises, tend to display ignorance of the existence of the Act or totally ignore those provisions relating to registration.

CARAVANS

Licence applications for single caravans were received and dealt with during the year as follows:-

- | | | |
|--|-----|---|
| (1) Approved and/or renewed for limited periods, for residential accommodation, mainly in gardens of private houses | ... | 9 |
| (2) Approved and/or renewed for applicants during the erection of a dwelling on the same site, the period of the licences being limited to the completion date of the new dwelling | ... | 4 |
| (3) Applications refused Planning permission and, therefore, not licensable. | ... | 6 |

At the end of the year there were 12 licences in force for caravans in gardens etc. and 6 in force during erection of a dwelling on the same site as the particular caravan.

There are also 6 works sites, 2 holiday sites, and 6 commercial residential sites.

HOUSING

The following table shows the action taken during the year as regards unfit houses:-

<u>Action</u>	<u>Number of Houses</u>
Number of houses demolished as a result of formal action	... NIL
Number of houses demolished by owners voluntarily	... 29
Number of houses closed as a result of formal action	... NIL
Number of houses rendered fit as a result of formal action	... NIL
Number of houses rendered fit as a result of informal action	... 5

No cases of overcrowding were reported during the year.

A total of 37 applications have been received for qualification certificates, of these, 13 had been issued by the end of the year.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR HOUSING

Tables 7 to 13 (inclusive) in the Statistical Section of this report indicate the figures relating to Improvement Grants.

It will be noted that a total of 935 properties have been improved with the aid of a grant, representing some 10% of the current total housing stock.

COUNCIL HOUSING

I am indebted to the Council's Housing Manager, Mr. G. H. Manwaring, A.I.H.M., M.R.S.H., for kindly supplying me with the following information:-

Number on Housing Waiting List at 31st December, 1971.

.... 460

Number of Lettings up to 31st December, 1971.

.... 49

RENT ACT, 1957.

There were no applications for certificates of disrepair received under the provisions of the above Act.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' VISITS

The annual total of Public Health Inspectors' visits carried out during the year and listed under subjects, is shown in Table 14 in the Statistical Section of this report.

PUBLIC WORKS

All public cleansing work is carried out by the Council's own vehicles and staff and I am indebted to the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. G. S. Webb, Dip.T.P.(Eim), C.Eng., F.I.Mun.E., M.R.T.P.I., Chartered Engineer, for the information relating to this subject.

Vehicle depots are maintained at Alton and Lindford. The Council's sewage works at Lindford (Whitehill Parish), receive and treat sewage from Whitehill, Bordon, Lindford, Bordon Military Camp, Headley, Grayshott, and parts of adjoining areas of the Haslemere Urban District Council and Hambledon Rural District Council. There is a separate sewage works for Selborne, and during the year a new works was opened at Bentley to cater for Bentley, Binsted and Froyle parishes.

A general scheme of full refuse collection operates throughout the District with weekly collections in all parishes and from the Married Quarters in the Bordon and Longmoor Military Camps.

Disposal of refuse is by means of controlled tipping at Headley and East Tisted, the latter being shared with the Alton Urban District Council.

Collections of nightsoil are made generally in areas where sewers are not available.

The Council also operate a cesspool emptying service for which, however, a charge is made.

Public conveniences are maintained at Bordon, Grayshott and Selborne.

Statistics relating to Public Works are to be found in Tables 15A and 15B in the Statistical Section of this report.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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PART II
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TABLE 1 WATER SUPPLIES

The following table indicates the number of properties and approximate population served by main water:-

Parish	Area (acres)	Number of Houses	Number of houses connected	Estimated population supplied	Estimated total population
Bentley	2,483	270	270	919	919
Bentworth	3,763	209	199	637	668
Binsted	7,799	585	545	1,743	1,872
Chawton	2,194	163	161	536	543
East Tisted	2,621	75	73	215	221
Farringdon	2,105	194	190	563	576
Four Marks	1,502	795	782	2,439	2,479
Froyle	4,641	232	230	768	775
Grayshott	901	785	754	2,299	2,391
Headley	4,771	1,505	1,452	4,690	4,754
Kingsley	1,540	165	164	536	539
Lasham	1,797	54	54	227	227
Medstead	2,309	619	593	1,697	1,735
Newton Valence	2,039	81	81	255	255
Ropley	3,704	514	473	1,323	1,436
Selborne	4,830	378	378	1,160	1,160
Shalden	2,160	154	136	440	498
West Tisted	2,356	63	58	192	208
Whitehill					
- Civil)		1,774	1,704))
- Military)	5,509	610	610) 7,300) 7,950
- Caravans)		240	100))
Wield	2,104	76	66	231	266
Worldham	3,868	114	98	302	342
TOTALS:-	65,526	9,655	9,171	28,472	29,814

NOTE - PARISH OF WHITEHILL

The 140 caravans not connected direct all have supplies from the mains via joint standpipes.

The military properties are supplied by the Military's own mains.

TABLE 2

DOMESTIC DRAINAGE

Sewer connections were as follows:-

Parish	Area	Connections during 1971	Total connections to date
Bentley		81	81
Binsted	Holt Pound Village &) Buck's Horn) Oak)	1 64	107* 64 [@]
Froyle		48	48
Grayshott		37	712
Headley	Arford) Headley Down)	18) 1,068
Selborne	Village Drift Road	7 -	126 19
Whitchill	Greatham Lindford) Bordon) Whitehill)	- 3 1 42	40)) 1,610)
TOTALS:-		302	3,875

NOTES:-

* Connections to the sewer of the Farnham Urban District Council.

[@] Connections to the newly constructed Bentley sewer.

The figures shown in the above table exclude approximately 610 military dwellings at Bordon and Longmoor, drained to military sewers; and three residential caravan sites at Whitchill, licensed for 201 caravans. All three sites are connected to the sewer, one with 99 caravans having individual water closets and waste water drains; the other two have communal facilities.

TABLE 3

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Foodstuffs inspected in shops and stores and surrendered for condemnation were as shown:-

Fresh meat	-	20 lbs.
Canned meat	-	214 lbs.
Other canned foods	-	301 lbs.
Fresh fish	-	131 lbs. + 12 crabs
Frozen foods	-	300 lbs. + 6½ gallons ice cream
Other foods	-	494 lbs.

TOTAL:- 12 cwt. 4 lbs.

TABLE 4

RODENT CONTROLGeneral Inspections and Treatments

General inspections and treatments were carried out throughout the District as follows:-

	Type of Property				Total
	Council	Private	Agricultural	Other	
Number of properties in District	12	8,725	405	280	9,422
Number of properties inspected	12	346	72	157	587
Number of properties infested	6	258	11	38	313
Number of properties treated	6	258	8	33	305

Under the general heading "Type of property", Council houses are included under column "Private", whereas the column "Council" includes refuse tips, sewage works, depots and the like, used in connection with the functions of the Council.

The number of inspections and/or visits made were:-

Council properties	-	61
Private dwelling houses	-	1,165
Agricultural premises	-	125
Business and other premises	-	348

TOTAL:- 1,699

TABLE 5

FACTORIES

The particulars prescribed on the administration of the Factories Acts are shown below:-

PART I

(1) - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

(1) Premises	(2) Number on Register	Number of		
		(3) Inspections	(4) Written Notices	(5) Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities (Non-power)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Power)	74	27	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	100 (building sites)			

TABLE 5

FACTORIES

PART I

(2) - Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By R.M. Inspector (5)	
Lack of cleanliness (S.1)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Overcrowding (S.2)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	1	NIL	NIL	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL:-	3	2	NIL	NIL	NIL

TABLE 5

(3) OUTWORK
(Sections 133 and 134)

Section 133			Section 134		
Number of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Of the registered factories, these mainly consist of garages (motor vehicle repairs) and builders' yards (joinery).

There are two factories engaged on fibre glass fabrications, twelve light engineering factories, one blouse factory, one pottery, one brickworks, one earth moving plant depot and one factory engaged in metal cleaning.

TABLE 6

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

An annual statistical report is required to be submitted to the Department of Employment and Productivity in accordance with Section 60 of the Act, and this table gives the information submitted direct to the Department:-

<u>REGISTRATIONS</u>		
<u>Class of premises</u>	<u>Number registered during the year</u>	<u>Total number of registered premises at end of year</u>
Offices	2	29
Retail shops	14	84
Warehouses	-	2
Catering establishments	-	10
Fuel depots	-	2
<u>TOTALS:-</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>127</u>

<u>ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYMENT</u>		
<u>Class of premises</u>	<u>Number employed at end of year</u>	
Offices	159)	
Retail shops	231)	
Warehouses	21)	<u>Males</u> - 183
Catering establishments	66)	
Fuel depots	3)	
Canteens	7)	<u>Females</u> - 304
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>487</u>	

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

TABLE 7 COST OF WORKS & AMOUNT OF GRANTS APPROVED

<u>Number of Applications received</u>	<u>Number of houses concerned in such applications</u>	<u>Total estimated cost of improve- ment works</u>	<u>Total amount of grant approved</u>
To:- <u>31.12.70</u> - 294	413	£297,532	£120,620
<u>1971</u> - 47	47	£86,007.66	£29,928

TABLE 8 AVERAGE COST OF WORKS & AMOUNT OF GRANT PAID

	<u>Number of Houses</u>	<u>Average cost of improvements</u>	<u>Average amount of grant</u>
To:- <u>31.12.70</u>	405	£711	£297
<u>1971</u>	17	£1,986.35	£651.82

TABLE 9 OCCUPANCIES OF DWELLINGS IN SCHEMES APPROVED

	<u>Owner/occupiers</u>	<u>Farm and/or Estate Occupancies</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
To:- <u>31.12.70</u>	128	244	41
To:- <u>31.12.71</u>	30	9	8

TABLE 10 LOCALITIES OF IMPROVED DWELLINGS

	<u>To:- 31.12.70</u>	<u>1971</u>
Bentley	29	NIL
Bentworth	14	1
Binsted	37	NIL
Chawton	3	NIL
East Tisted	23	NIL
Farringdon	11	NIL
Four Marks	5	NIL
Froyle	34	3
Graysnott	37	NIL
Headley	34	3
Kingsley	6	1
Lasham	9	NIL
Medstead	13	1
Newton Valence	9	NIL
Ropley	22	3
Selborne	43	5
Shalden	2	NIL
West Tisted	2	NIL
Whitehill	43	NIL
Wield	5	NIL
Worldham	24	NIL
 TOTALS:-	 405	 17

TABLE 11

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

APPROVED AND COMPLETED SCHEMES

The following table gives details of standard grant applications approved and completed. It also shows the maximum amounts approved for these schemes and the number of completions, with actual grants paid.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Schemes approved</u>	<u>Maximum Grant</u>	<u>Completions</u>	<u>Grant approved</u>
<u>To 31.12.70</u>	601	£116,915	530	£86,942
<u>During 1971</u>	55	£13,955	33	£9,847
<u>TOTALS:</u>	656	£130,870	563	£96,789

TABLE 12

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

OCCUPANCIES OF APPROVED DWELLINGS

The following table shows, year by year, the occupancies of the dwellings for which standard improvement grants were approved.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Owner/Occupiers</u>	<u>Farm and/or Estate Occupancies</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
<u>To 31.12.70</u>	402	48	151
<u>During 1971</u>	34	12	9
<u>TOTALS:</u>	436	60	160
Percentage of Total)	66.4%	9.2%	24.4%

TOTAL:- 656

TABLE 13

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTSLOCALITIES OF IMPROVED DWELLINGS

The localities in which houses were improved with the aid of "standard" improvement grants, completed schemes, are as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Number of houses improved</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>To 31.12.70</u>	<u>During 1971</u>	
Bentley	14	-	14
Bentworth	10	-	10
Binsted	53	4	57
Chawton	9	2	11
East Tisted	4	-	4
Farringdon	20	-	20
Four Marks	48	1	49
Froyle	11	1	12
Grayshott	45	-	45
Headley	48	7	55
Kingsley	9	-	9
Lasham	7	1	8
Medstead	42	7	49
Newton Valence	2	-	2
Ropley	45	4	49
Selborne	46	2	48
Shalden	1	-	1
West Tisted	4	-	4
Whitehill	97	4	101
Wield	7	-	7
Worldham	8	-	8
<u>TOTALS:-</u>	530	33	563

TABLE 14

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' VISITS

The annual summary of Public Health Inspectors' visits carried out during the year and listed under subjects is as below:-

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Total Visits</u>
Accumulations	11
Animal Boarding Establishments	14
Cafes and Restaurants	29
Caravans and Moveable Dwellings	43
Factories	48
Food Premises	102
Food Inspection	25
Housing	48
Housing applications	1
Improvement Grants - Preliminary	213
Improvement Grants - Works	497
Infectious Diseases	26
Infestation	43
Noise Abatement	3
Nuisances	167
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	44
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises) - General Inspections)	93
Pet Shops	1
Petroleum	98
Rent Act	20
Rodent Control	3
Water Sampling	7
Vans and Mobile Shops	2
Water Supply	11
Miscellaneous	99
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>1,648</u>

STATISTICS FOR 1971BUILDING REGULATIONS AND PLANNING

Number of plans deposited - Building Regulations - 723)	
- Planning only - 529) 1,252
Number of new dwellings completed 147
Number of temporary building licences in force 7

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

Number of permanent pre-war dwellings at end of year 78 @
Number of permanent post-war dwellings at end of year 947 *
Number of temporary post-war dwellings at end of year 106 +

<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>1,131</u>
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NOTES:

- @ including 16 houses purchased by the Council from the Headley Public Utility Society.
- * includes 27 aged persons' dwellings at Gilmour Gardens (in Alton Urban District Council area)
- + being 50 prefabricated bungalows at Lindford and 56 hatted dwellings at Headley.

PUBLIC CLEANSING1st January to 31st December, 1971.

	Refuse Vehicles	Nightsoil & Cesspool Vehicles	Totals
Mileage for the year	47,379	61,708	109,087
Average per month	3,948	5,142	9,090
Number of cesspool loads from:			
(1) Private properties	-	3,622)	8,029
(2) Council houses *	-	1,181)	
(3) Bordon Sewage Works	-	3,226)	
Amount of refuse collected + (cubic yards) .. Total ..	68,723	-	-
Average per month (cubic yards) ..	5,727	-	-
Number of dwellings from which nightsoil collected	-	321	-

NOTES:

- * Cesspool loads from Council properties do not include those removed by private contractors.
- + This figure is based on the information obtained from the actual weighing of one week's refuse, and not on the nominal capacity of the vehicles. It is, therefore, not a true comparison with the previous year's figures.

